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For: ELECTRODE MATERIAL FOR LITHIUM)	
SECONDARY BATTERY, ELECTRODE	:	
STRUCTURE COMPRISING THE)	
ELECTRODE MATERIAL AND	:	
SECONDARY BATTERY COMPRISING)	
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the foreign patent documents are enclosed.

The Japanese patent documents and WO 00/17949 are discussed at pages 4 to 7 of the subject application. English language abstracts for these documents are also enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 6,383,686 is believed to be in the same patent family as Japan 2000-215887, and U.S. Publication No. 2002/0055041 is believed to be in the same patent family as Japan 11-283627.

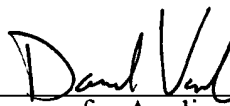
The European patent documents were cited in a Search Report in a corresponding European application. A copy of the Search Report, which is dated August 4, 2004, is enclosed.

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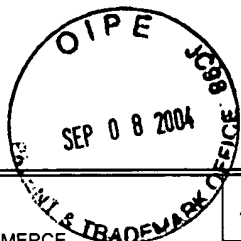
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